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Rep. Spiros Statement on the State of the State Address

Madison –Representative John Spiros (*R-Marshfield*) shared the following statement after Governor Walker’s State of the State Address, which was given to a joint session of the Wisconsin State Legislature on Wednesday afternoon.

“I was encouraged to hear Governor Walker focus on some of the needs faced by our rural communities, especially in education and economic development. The governor outlined an initiative which I support that was recently introduced in the legislature, supplying additional aid for rural and low revenue school districts,” said Rep. Spiros.

The proposed sparsity aid proposal would be an additional investment in K-12 education by Republicans this session after passing a state budget with historic increases in school funding, including a \$200/pupil funding increase.

“Investment in our rural communities is vital for our state to continue to grow and move forward. This is why I was excited to hear Governor Walker announce a plan for a Rural Economic Development Fund which will invest \$50 million a year in economic development projects in rural counties across our state,” shared Rep. Spiros.

Additionally, the governor shared his plan to create a Family Farm Fund with the goal of keeping more of our family farms in Wisconsin.

“These rural initiatives along with the welfare reform and healthcare stability plan will continue to move our state in the right direction,” concluded Rep. Spiros.

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[Rep. Spiros Reaction to State of the State Address video](#)